

**U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
SPECIES ASSESSMENT AND LISTING PRIORITY ASSIGNMENT FORM**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Bidens campylotheca* ssp. *pentamera*

COMMON NAME: Ko'oko'olau

LEAD REGION: Region 1

INFORMATION CURRENT AS OF: July 2005

STATUS/ACTION:

☐ Species assessment - determined species did not meet the definition of endangered or threatened under the Act and, therefore, was not elevated to Candidate status

☐ New candidate

☒ Continuing candidate

☐ Non-petitioned

☒ Petitioned - Date petition received: May 11, 2004

☐ 90-day positive - FR date:

☒ 12-month warranted but precluded - FR date: May 11, 2005

☐ Did the petition request a reclassification of a listed species?

FOR PETITIONED CANDIDATE SPECIES:

a. Is listing warranted (if yes, see summary of threats below)? yes

b. To date, has publication of a proposal to list been precluded by other higher priority listing actions? yes

c. If the answer to a. and b. is "yes", provide an explanation of why the action is precluded. We find that the immediate issuance of a proposed rule and timely promulgation of a final rule for this species has been, for the preceding 12 months, and continues to be, precluded by higher priority listing actions. During the past 12 months, most of our national listing budget has been consumed by work on various listing actions to comply with court orders and court-approved settlement agreements, meeting statutory deadlines for petition findings or listing determinations, emergency listing evaluations and determinations and essential litigation-related, administrative, and program management tasks. We will continue to monitor the status of this species as new information becomes available. This review will determine if a change in status is warranted, including the need to make prompt use of emergency listing procedures. For information on listing actions taken over the past 12 months, see the discussion of "Progress on Revising the Lists," in the current CNOR which can be viewed on our Internet website (<http://endangered.fws.gov>).

☐ Listing priority change

Former LP: ☐

New LP: ☐

Date when the species first became a Candidate (as currently defined): 1999

☐ Candidate removal: Former LP: ☐

☐ A – Taxon is more abundant or widespread than previously believed or not subject to

the degree of threats sufficient to warrant issuance of a proposed listing or continuance of candidate status.

- ___ U – Taxon not subject to the degree of threats sufficient to warrant issuance of a proposed listing or continuance of candidate status due, in part or totally, to conservation efforts that remove or reduce the threats to the species.
- ___ F – Range is no longer a U.S. territory.
- ___ I – Insufficient information exists on biological vulnerability and threats to support listing.
- ___ M – Taxon mistakenly included in past notice of review.
- ___ N – Taxon does not meet the Act’s definition of “species.”
- ___ X – Taxon believed to be extinct.

ANIMAL/PLANT GROUP AND FAMILY: Flowering plants, Asteraceae (Sunflower family)

HISTORICAL STATES/TERRITORIES/COUNTRIES OF OCCURRENCE: Hawaii, island of Maui

CURRENT STATES/ COUNTIES/TERRITORIES/COUNTRIES OF OCCURRENCE: Hawaii, island of Maui

LAND OWNERSHIP: Federal and State lands.

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BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION:

Species Description *Bidens campylotheca* ssp. *pentamera* is an erect, perennial herb 0.7 to 4 meters (m) (2.3 to 13 feet (ft)) tall, with sprawling horizontal lateral branches. Leaves are pinnate to bipinnatifid, crenately lobed, 7 to 29 centimeters (cm) (2.8 to 11.4 inches (in)) long, and 0.4 to 8 cm (0.2 to 3.2 in) wide. Flower heads are in diffuse panicles or compound cymes 2.5 to 3.5 cm (1.0 to 1.4 in) in diameter, and corollas are yellow. Achenes are brownish black, irregularly twisted or coiled, usually wingless, 7 to 14 millimeters (mm) (0.3 to 0.6 in) long, and 1.2 to 1.7 mm (0.05 to 0.07 in) wide (Ganders and Nagata 1999).

Taxonomy *Bidens campylotheca* ssp. *pentamera* was first described by Schultz-Bip. This subspecies is recognized as a distinct taxon in Ganders and Nagata (1999) and Wagner and Herbst (2003), the most recently accepted Hawaiian plant taxonomy.

Habitat *Bidens campylotheca* ssp. *pentamera* is found in *Cheirodendron-Metrosideros polymorpha* montane wet forest, on gulch slopes and along streambanks in association with: *Acacia koa*, *Alyxia* sp., *Broussaisia* sp., *Chamaesyce* sp., *Deschampsia* sp., *Diospyros*, *Freycinetia* sp., *Leptecophylla tameiameia*, *Lysimachia* sp., *Myrsine lanaiensis*, *Rubus hawaiiensis*, *Perrottetia* sp., *Wikstroemia* sp., and ferns, and elevations between 884 and 1,951 m (2,900 and 6,400 ft) (Hawaii Natural Heritage Program Database 2004).

Historical and Current Range/Current Status This subspecies is known from 11 populations with a total of approximately 500 individuals, and is restricted to the island of Maui on Maui's eastern volcano as well as its western volcano (Arthur C. Medeiros III, U.S.G.S. National Biological Discipline and Robert Hobdy of the Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife, pers. comms. 1995; Hank Oppenheimer, Maui Land and Pineapple Company, pers. comm. 2004; Ken Wood, National Tropical Botanical Garden, pers. comm. 2004). While we do not know of any long-term trends for the species due to lack of historical data, it is reasonable to assume the populations have continued to decline, since many of the threats are not being managed throughout its range.

THREATS:

A. The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range.

This subspecies is threatened by feral pigs (*Sus scrofa*) that degrade and destroy habitat (A.C. Medeiros and R. Hobdy, pers. comms. 1995). As early as 1778, European explorers introduced livestock, which became feral, increased in number and range, and caused significant changes to the natural environment of Hawaii. Pigs are currently present on Maui and five other islands, and inhabit rain forests and grasslands. While rooting in the ground in search of the invertebrates and plant material they eat, feral pigs disturb and destroy vegetative cover, trample plants and seedlings, and threaten forest regeneration by damaging seeds and seedlings. They disturb soil and cause erosion, especially on slopes. Alien plant seeds are dispersed on their hooves and coats as well as through their digestive tracts, and the disturbed soil is fertilized by their feces, helping these plants to establish. Pigs are a major vector in the spread of many introduced plant species. Past and present activities of introduced alien mammals are the primary factor altering and degrading vegetation and habitats on Maui (Smith 1985; Stone 1985; Medeiros *et al.* 1986; Scott *et al.* 1986; Tomich 1986; Cuddihy and Stone 1990; Wagner *et al.* 1999a). Pig exclusion fences protect three of the 11 known populations of this species; however, without continued monitoring and maintenance of those fences, pigs from surrounding areas can easily access fenced areas. In addition, the remaining, unfenced individuals of this taxon are still impacted by this threat.

B. Overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes.

None known.

C. Disease or predation.

Because Hawaii's native plants evolved without any browsing or grazing mammals present, many lost natural defenses to such impacts (Carlquist 1980, Lamoureux 1994). Browsing by ungulates has been observed on many other native species, including common and rare or endangered species (Cuddihy and Stone 1990; Loope *et al.* 1991). Therefore, even though we have no evidence of browsing for this species, it is likely that pigs impact this species directly as well as their indirect impacts to the surrounding habitat.

D. The inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms.

Pigs are managed in Hawaii as game animals, but many herds populate inaccessible areas where

hunting is difficult, if not impossible, and therefore has little effect on their numbers. Pig hunting is allowed on all islands either year-round or during certain months, depending on the area (Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources n.d.-a, n.d.-b, n.d.-c). However, public hunting does not adequately control the number of ungulates to eliminate this threat to native plant species. Pig exclusion fences protect three of the 11 known populations of this species; however, without continued monitoring and maintenance of those fences, pigs from surrounding areas can easily access fenced areas. In addition, the remaining, unfenced individuals of this taxon are still impacted by this threat.

E. Other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence.

Several alien plant species threaten this subspecies (A.C. Medeiros and R. Hobdy, pers. comms. 1995). Although the exact pest species that threaten this plant have not been identified, alien pest plants are found throughout the areas where this species occurs. The original native flora of Hawaii consisted of about 1,400 species, nearly 90 percent of which were endemic. Of the total native and naturalized Hawaiian flora of 1,817 taxa, 47 percent were introduced from other parts of the world, and nearly 100 species have become pests (Smith 1985; Wagner *et al.* 1999a). Several studies (Cuddihy and Stone 1990; Wood and Perlman 1997; Robichaux *et al.* 1998) indicate nonnative plant species may outcompete native plants similar to *Bidens campylotheca* ssp. *pentamera* competition may be for space, light, water, or nutrients, or there may be a chemical inhibition of other plants (Smith 1985; Cuddihy and Stone 1990). In addition, nonnative pest plants found in habitat similar to that of this species have been shown to make the habitat less suitable for native species (Smathers and Gardner 1978; Smith 1985; Loope and Medeiros 1992; Medeiros *et al.* 1992; Ellshoff *et al.* 1995; Meyer and Florence 1996; Medeiros *et al.* 1997; Loope *et al.* 2004). In particular, alien pest plant species modify habitat by modifying availability of light, altering soil-water regimes, modifying nutrient cycling, or altering fire characteristics of native plant communities (Smith 1985; Cuddihy and Stone 1990; Vitousek *et al.* 1987). Because of demonstrated habitat modification and resource competition by nonnative plant species in habitat similar to habitat of *Bidens campylotheca* ssp. *pentamera*, the Service believes nonnative plant species are a threat to this species.

Nonnative plants are being controlled in three of the 11 known populations of this species, but will probably never be completely eradicated because new propagules are constantly being dispersed into the fenced area from surrounding, unmanaged lands. Many widespread alien taxa cannot be completely eradicated from an island or the State, and therefore are expected to disperse into previously managed areas (Loope 1998, Smith 1985). The remaining populations of the species are still impacted by this threat.

CONSERVATION MEASURES PLANNED OR IMPLEMENTED

The West Maui Watershed Partnership, a non-governmental, non-profit partnership composed of west Maui landowners and managers, received funding from the Service over the last five years for ungulate exclosure fences, which have been completed, and ungulate and nonnative plant control, which are ongoing (Maui Pineapple Company, Ltd. 1999). These actions provide protection to the individuals of *Bidens campylotheca* ssp. *pentamera* in the fenced areas in the west Maui mountains.

The East Maui Watershed Partnership, a non-governmental, non-profit partnership composed of east Maui landowners and managers, received funding from the Service in 2005 to continue fencing a 100,000 acre area to exclude feral ungulates and control nonnative plants (University of Hawaii 2005).

This species is represented in an *ex situ* collection and initial attempts have been made at reintroduction or population augmentation (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Controlled Propagation Database 2005).

SUMMARY OF THREATS:

The major threats to this taxon are pigs and nonnative plant species, which are believed to be a major cause of the decline of this species throughout its range. Feral pigs have been fenced out of three of the 11 populations where *Bidens campylotheca* ssp. *pentamera* currently occurs, but the fences must be continually maintained to prevent incursion. Nonnative plants have been greatly reduced in three populations that are fenced. These on-going conservation efforts for this species benefit only three of the 11 known populations. The species as a whole is still impacted by these threats and will require long-term monitoring and management to maintain threat free areas. This species is represented in an *ex situ* collection and reintroduction or augmentation efforts have been attempted this year.

LISTING PRIORITY:

THREAT			
Magnitude	Immediacy	Taxonomy	Priority
High	Imminent	Monotypic genus	1
		Species	2
		Subspecies/population	3*
	Non-imminent	Monotypic genus	4
		Species	5
		Subspecies/population	6
Moderate to Low	Imminent	Monotypic genus	7
		Species	8
		Subspecies/population	9
	Non-imminent	Monotypic genus	10
		Species	11
		Subspecies/population	12

Rationale for listing priority number:

Magnitude:

This subspecies is highly threatened by ungulates that degrade and destroy habitat, and by nonnative plants that compete for habitat. Threats to the montane wet forest habitat of *Bidens*

campylotheca ssp. *pentamera* and to individuals of this species occur throughout its range and are expected to continue or increase without control or eradication. Feral pigs have been fenced out of three of the 11 populations where *Bidens campylotheca* ssp. *pentamera* currently occurs, but the fences must be continually maintained to prevent incursion. Nonnative plants have been greatly reduced in three populations that are fenced. These on-going conservation efforts for this species benefit only three of the 11 known populations. The species as a whole is still impacted by these threats and will require long-term monitoring and management to maintain threat free areas. This species is represented in an *ex situ* collection and reintroduction or augmentation efforts have been attempted this year.

Imminence:

Threats to *Bidens campylotheca* ssp. *pentamera* from ungulates and nonnative plants are imminent because they are ongoing.

Yes Have you promptly reviewed all of the information received regarding the species for the purpose of determining whether emergency listing is needed?

Is Emergency Listing Warranted?

No. *Bidens campylotheca* ssp. *pentamera* is currently known from 11 populations totaling 500 individuals. The subspecies is threatened by ungulates and competition with nonnative plants. The subspecies does not appear to be appropriate for emergency listing at this time because the immediacy of the threats is not so great as to imperil a significant proportion of the taxon within the time frame of the routine listing process. If it becomes apparent that the routine listing process is not sufficient to prevent large losses that may result in this subspecies' extinction, then the emergency rule process for this subspecies will be initiated. We will continue to monitor the status of *B. campylotheca* ssp. *pentamera* as new information becomes available. This review will determine if a change in status is warranted, including the need to make prompt use of emergency listing procedures.

DESCRIPTION OF MONITORING:

Much of the information in this form is based on the results of a meeting of 20 botanical experts held by the Center for Plant Conservation in December, 1995 and 1999, and was updated by personal communication with Arthur C. Medeiros III of the U.S.G.S. National Biological Discipline and Robert Hobdy of Hawaii's Division of Forestry and Wildlife in 1995. We have incorporated additional information on this subspecies from our files and the most recent supplement to the *Manual of the Flowering Plants of Hawaii* (Wagner and Herbst 2003). In 2004, the Pacific Islands office contacted the following species experts: Bob Hobdy, retired from Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife; Joel Lau, Hawaii Natural Heritage Program; Art Medeiros, U.S.G.S. Biological Resources Discipline; Hank Oppenheimer, Maui Land and Pineapple Company; and Steve Perlman and Ken Wood, National Tropical Botanical Garden. New information on current status and current range was provided by Ken Wood and Hank Oppenheimer in 2004. In 2005 we contacted the species experts listed below, but received no new information on this taxon.

The Hawaii Natural Heritage Program identified this subspecies as critically imperiled (Hawaii

Natural Heritage Program Database 2004). Based on the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources Red Plant Data Book rarity categories, this subspecies is recognized as Rare (could be considered at risk) by Wagner *et al.* (1999b).

Species experts were contacted but did not provide new information this year, no new literature was found, and no known entities are studying this species. However, it is highly likely that the previously reported threats continue to impact the species at the same or an increased level.

COORDINATION WITH STATES:

In October 2004 we provided the Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife with copies of our most recent candidate assessments for their review and comment. Vickie Caraway, the State botanist, reviewed the information for this species and provided no additional information or corrections (V. Caraway, pers. comm. 2005).

LITERATURE CITED and REFERENCES:

List all experts contacted:

Name	Date	Place of Employment
1. Joel Lau	June 28, 2005	Hawaii Natural Heritage Program
2. Art Medeiros	June 28, 2005	U.S.G.S. Biological Resources Discipline
3. Jim Jacobi	June 28, 2005	U.S.G.S. Biological Resources Discipline
4. Rick Warshauer	June 28, 2005	U.S.G.S. Biological Resources Discipline
5. Hank Oppenheimer	June 28, 2005	Maui Land and Pineapple Company
6. Kapua Kawelo	June 28, 2005	U.S. Army
7. Dave Lorence	June 28, 2005	National Tropical Botanical Garden
8. Steve Perlman	June 28, 2005	National Tropical Botanical Garden
9. Ken Wood	June 28, 2005	National Tropical Botanical Garden

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| 10. Marie Bruegmann | July 13, 2005 | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| 11. Vickie Caraway | June 14, 2005 | Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife |

List all databases searched:

Name	Date
1. Hawaii Natural Heritage Program	2004
2. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Controlled Propagation Database	2005

Other resources utilized:

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APPROVAL/CONCURRENCE: Lead Regions must obtain written concurrence from all other Regions within the range of the species before recommending changes to the candidate list, including listing priority changes; the Regional Director must approve all such recommendations. The Director must concur on all 12-month petition findings, additions of species to the candidate list, removal of candidate species, and listing priority changes.

Approve: **Acting** David W. Winkler 11/10/05
Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service Date

Marshall P. Jones

Concur: August 23, 2006
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service Date

Do not concur: _____
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service Date

Date of annual review: September 19, 2005
Conducted by: Marie M. Brueggmann, Pacific Islands FWO
Plant Recovery Coordinator

Comments:
PIFWO Review

Reviewed by: Christa Russell Date: September 20, 2005
Plant Conservation Program Leader

Gina Shultz Date: October 14, 2005
Assistant Field Supervisor,
Endangered Species

Patrick Leonard Date: October 14, 2005
Field Supervisor